MR. C. KUMARA DAS: In all factories that come under the Act, there is a definite condition in regard to the hours of labour.

Quota of Kerosene oil for Vaikom.

345. * MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quota of kerosene oil for Vaikom for the months of Meenom, Medom and Edavom 1121 and the balance of stock on 31-10-1121; and the date of distribution of kerosene oil as per ration cards in the Vaikom taluk in the month of Mithunam 1121?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR (*Secretary to Government*): A * statement furnishing the information is placed on the table.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: May I know whether a full ration was allowed to card-holders in Vaikom in the month of Edavom?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I claim notice.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: May I know whether he will make enquiries as to whether any reduction was made in the issue as per ration cards?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I will do so.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: May I know whether the Government are aware that considerable inconvenience has been caused by the delay in the issue of kerosene in the month of Mithunam in Vaikom?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: It was reported that there was some delay in the month of Mithunam, because ration cards had to be renewed by the end of Edavom and fresh cards had to be issued from Mithunam. Though there was some delay on this account, fresh ration cards were distributed from 19-11-1121.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: May I know whether arrangements will be made to avoid such delays in future?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Certainly.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the allotments are made monthly or quarterly?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Monthly.

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANA AIYAR (*Trivandrum City*): May I know from the honourable member whether instructions have been given to the Commissioner to extend the time in view to the fact that several persons were not able to send their applications in time due to the lateness of the publication?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Instructions have been given.

Handlooms.

346. * MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of handlooms working in the State;

(*b*) the number of handlooms in Parur and Kunnatnad taluks respectively; and

(*c*) the quantity of yarn supplied per loom per month?

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*Vide Appendix I.

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MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Then may I know why it is stated in the answer that he had no convenience to keep up the engagement?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Owing to some unforeseen pressing engagements, it was not possible for him to go to Idiki on the date fixed.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Idiki scheme will be investigated?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The Chief Engineer will be asked to see the place in the first instance and if he thinks that there are chances of installing any profitable scheme at that place, then he will be asked to take up the scheme in right earnest.

Appendix I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 345.

The quota of kerosene oil sanctioned to the Vaikom taluk for the months of Meenom, Medom and Edavom 1121 is as follows:—

Meenom 1121	...	1110	Tins
Medom 1121	...	1058	„
Edavom 1121	...	1071	„

Balance stock on 31-10-1121 was 368 tins.

The distribution in Mithunam 1121 was effected from 19-11-1121.

Appendix II.

Vide Answer to Question No. 356.

Statement showing the names of controlled goods and dealers to whom allotments were made in Parur taluk in 1121.

1. *Art. Silk.*
   1. T. V. Lonappan, Wholesale Cloth Merchant, North Parur.
2. *Umbrellas.*
   1. T. V. Lonappan, Wholesale Cloth Merchant, North Parur.
   2. The Bombay Hall, North Parur.
   3. E. R. Parameswaran, Cloth Merchant, North Parur.
   4. P. S. Kumar & Bros., Merchants, North Parur.
   5. T. P. Chacku, Merchant, North Kuthiathodu.
   6. K. Gopalakrishna Menon, Merchant, Kurumasserry.
3. *Thermos Flasks and Camphor.*
   1. Jacob & Co., Merchants, North Parur.
4. *Pencils, Steel Nibs, Razor blades and Quink.*
   1. Ramakrishna Pillai, Merchant, North Parur.
   2. Jacob & Co., Merchants, North Parur.
5. *Hurricane Lanterns.*
   1. Jacob & Co., Merchants, North Parur.
   2. Menon & Brothers, Merchants, North Parur.

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